

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3 remain in the application and claim 1 has been amended hereby.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1 and 3 under 35 USC 102(b), as being anticipated by Shimamoto et al.

The present invention relates to a network system connecting a plurality of different types of user terminals, e.g. a TV, a PC, a cellphone, having a removable memory card, to a server. See Fig. 2 of the present application, for example.

Features of the user terminal according to the present invention are means for transmitting user specific information and information identifying a type of terminal device of a plurality of different types of user terminal devices used by a user when a removable memory is loaded, wherein the information identifying the type of terminal device includes terminal type attributes, such as TV, PC, PHONE, and media type attributes, such as TEXT, SPEECH, STILL PICTURE, corresponding to the type of terminal device. See Fig. 5 of the present application.

Features of the server (22 in Fig. 8) according to the present invention are means (22E in Fig. 8) for converting message information (e.g. electronic mails) addressed to an authenticated user to a data format (D26 in Fig. 8) compatible with the type of terminal device based on the terminal type attributes and the media type attributes of the terminal device

being used by the user.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to emphasize these features of the present invention.

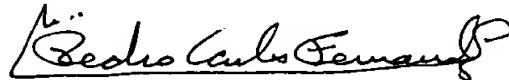
Looking at Shimamoto et al. we see that there is no transmission of information identifying a type of terminal device of a plurality of types of user terminal devices. Shimamoto et al. merely shows a plurality of identical workstations having different addresses. Further, Shimamoto et al. is silent about the identification information including terminal and media type attributes.

Furthermore, looking at Shimamoto et al. we see that there is no means for converting message information to a data format compatible with the type of terminal device. Shimamoto et al. is merely identifying the user and the address of the workstation of a plurality of identical workstations being used by the user.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claim 1, and the claim depending therefrom, are not anticipated by Shimamoto et al.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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